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**Report Highlights:**

Since October 2021, the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature, and Food Quality has reported 37 findings of avian influenza at commercial poultry farms in the Netherlands. One of the most recent findings is in the municipality of Barneveld, which is considered the poultry capital of the Netherlands. Both the global Covid-19 crisis and local avian influenza outbreaks have had a negative effect on Dutch exports.

## General Information

After findings of high pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in two wild swans<sup>1</sup> on October 17, 2020, the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature, and Food Quality reported more than fifty findings of avian influenza (most high pathogenic) on commercial poultry farms (layer hens, broilers, turkeys, and ducks). The last 37 findings were reported since October 2021. One of the most recent findings of avian influenza (likely high pathogenic) was at a farm with 35,000 layer hens in Barneveld on April 15, 2022. Barneveld is generally called the poultry capital of the Netherlands. There are 229 poultry farms located within a 10-kilometer (6.3 miles) radius of the affected farm.

## Measures by the Dutch Government

In response to the HPAI detections, the Dutch Government imposed a series of protective measures:

- The farms will be culled by the Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (known by its Dutch acronym of the NVWA).
- Poultry farms (7) located within a radius of one kilometer (0.63 mile) around the affected farm will also be culled.
- Poultry farms (19) located within a radius of three kilometers (1.88 miles) around the farm will be sampled and tested for the presence of avian influenza.
- Within a radius of ten kilometers (6.3 miles) around the farm, the transport of poultry, eggs, poultry manure, and litter, as well as other animal products from commercial poultry farms will be banned.
- Since October 26, 2021, all farms are mandated to keep their birds indoors.

For additional information, including maps, see the official [website](#) (in Dutch) of the Dutch Government.

## Trade Implications

The Dutch poultry sector is the largest chicken meat exporter in the EU to non-EU destinations. Since 2020, Dutch exports of chicken meat declined to both EU and non-EU destinations. Both the global Covid-19 crisis and local HPAI outbreaks have had a negative effect on exports, which are commonly supplied by bulk producers. Roughly 36 countries have imposed an import ban on Dutch poultry meat, ten of which began in October 2021. The bans with the most significant trade implications for Dutch poultry meat exports are imposed by the Philippines, Hong Kong, Vietnam, and Cuba. For more information about the trade impacts of HPAI on Dutch chicken meat exports see the FAS GAIN Report - [HPAI Detected on More Commercial Poultry Farms](#), published on December 07, 2021, and the [EU Poultry and Products Annual](#), published on October 8, 2021.

## Attachments:

No Attachments.

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<sup>1</sup> See [NL2020-0051: Netherlands Detects Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Swans](#)